

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendment to the specification inserts the correct priority claim for this application. Applicants previously requested this priority claim in a paper dated December 4, 1998, a copy of which is attached. The priority claim was incorrectly entered, as shown on the filing receipt dated February 15, 1999, a copy of which is also attached. All delay in correcting the priority claim was unintentional. The new priority claim does not change the applications from which priority is claimed nor the first priority date, and in consequence does not change the scheduling of the application for publication. Accordingly, it is believed a petition in unnecessary. However, if the PTO determines otherwise, it is authorized to treat this request for amendment as a petition under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(6) and charge the related fee to deposit account 20-1430. Enclosed is a duplicate copy. The title has also been amended to conform with the allowed claims. Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in the priority data for this application and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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